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Subject: Status Request of patent application # 10827104, first inventor Fort.  
Patent Name: "Techniques for surface exploration and monitoring"  
Application date: April 19, 2004  
The patent attorney was Michael C. Barrett  
Serial number: 827104  
Series code: 10

Please advise status of subject patent. I understand from discussion with Spencer, of the Inventor Assistance group, that the patent may have been recently (1/25/07) assigned to examination group 2858. He wasn't sure, but suggested that I fax you for more information about the application status.

For your information, on December 5, 2007 a Patent Application Assignment Agreement was faxed to the Director of the USPTO. Yesterday, Feb 6, 2007, the fee was sent to Mail Stop Assignment Recordation Services, Director of the USPTO, P.O Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. It should have been received today.

Since Mr. Barrett is no longer the patent attorney, please note the attached Change of Address Application for all correspondence regarding this patent application.

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Thank you,

  
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